

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 513  
By Hamilton

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Charles Wesley  
"Charlie" DuRall on his meritorious tenure as  
Sergeant-At-Arms for the Senate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay homage to those dedicated legislative employees who have faithfully served this Body with the utmost diligence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Charles Wesley "Charlie" DuRall has served the Senate with acumen and alacrity as a Sergeant-At-Arms for the past twelve years; and

WHEREAS, during the exemplary tenure, Charlie has worked for Senator Milton Hamilton, and he has become a close friend, companion and confidant to the Senator; and

WHEREAS, Charlie DuRall is truly a kind, thoughtful and considerate person who loves people; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, Charlie is a good Samaritan who is always willing to take time from his busy schedule to help people and assist them with their problems; and

WHEREAS, because of his concern and compassion for his fellow workers, Charlie has become renowned on Capitol Hill as the unofficial Goodwill Ambassador of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, he has also taken on the additional responsibilities of being the adopted "Daddy" of Kay Tidwell and Janice Yates, the other members of Senator Hamilton's staff; and

WHEREAS, a native of Marion, Illinois, Charlie moved to the Volunteer State in 1956;  
and

WHEREAS, at the tender age of 16, Charlie began working part-time as a commission agent for Greyhound; and

WHEREAS, Charlie distinguished himself as a proficient and valuable employee of Greyhound, often going that extra mile and working overtime; and

WHEREAS, he worked for Greyhound for 40 outstanding years, and advanced through the ranks to attain an executive position with the company; Greyhound lost a peerless employee when Charlie retired in January 1984; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Charlie is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of 51 years, the former Annabelle Bracey; their two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being one of the last legislative days of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, April 24, 1996, is also Charlie DuRall's birthday; and

WHEREAS, decorum and a sense of sympathy prevent us from stating Charlie's age in a public record; suffice to say, that this spry young man is older than 30, but younger than 100;  
and

WHEREAS, as his mentor Senator Hamilton has announced that he will quit these hallowed halls at the adjournment sine die of the 1996 session, Charlie has also decided to pursue greener and more luscious pastures, wherever they may be; and

WHEREAS, Charlie DuRall has sacrificed personal concerns to faithfully serve the Senate in a manner that should be emulated by all legislative employees, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,  
That we hereby honor and commend Charles Wesley "Charlie" DuRall on his meritorious tenure

as Sergeant-At-Arms for the Senate, and thank him for the many good deeds and kindnesses he has extended to all of us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Charlie much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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